

*Focused on continuous improvement for every child, in every classroom, every day.*

**Child Development**

**The development of a child is a process that begins at infancy and continues through adulthood. Child development is characterized by five main components—physical; cognitive; language and literacy; self-concept, identity and motivation; and peer relations and moral development. As children grow older, their physical, cognitive, emotional, and social capacity increases.**

**The development of a child is a uniquely individual experience that requires nurturing. As educators, it is critical to embrace this experience and provide developmentally appropriate activities for children.**

**Our District**

**The Nash-Rocky Mount Public School System provides many platforms to meet the needs of its students.**

**NRMPS offers programs for students and their families to ease the transition from a pre-k setting to kindergarten including; NC Pre-K More at Four, Pre-K Home Visit Program, and Family Transition Nights.**

**NRMPS offers opportunities for parental involvement at the pre-k and early elementary levels, and strives to maintain strong communication with parents of early elementary children. Aside from timely school-parent newsletters and notifications, NRMPS also provides volunteer opportunities, parent focus groups, staff and family webinars and workshops.**

**NRMPS strives to build and maintain strong connections to the Nash-Rocky Mount community, providing resources specifically for at-risk students and families. Partnerships include the Down East Partnership for Children (DEPC), Nash/ Edgecombe Economic Development (NEED), and Head Start.**

# *“The early years provide a window to build our children’s future that will never be open again…”*

# - DEPC website

**NRMPS: Where We Are**

**Areas of Strength**

* **Offers programs to serve the needs of pre-k students and their families**
* **Provides district-wide opportunities for parental involvement**
* **Initiates community connections, specifically catering to the needs of its at-risk population**
* **Provides many curriculum and instruction resources for teachers and support staff**

**Areas for Growth**

* **Provide appropriate developmental guide for early elementary grades**
* **Set authentic structure for evaluating parental involvement and gaining feedback for improvement**
* **Determine method to effectively disseminate NRMPS resources to all stakeholders across the district**

**Moving Ahead in Early Elementary Education in NRMPS**

**Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools offers many programs and resources that give way to academic success on the part of all students in the district.**

**In the spirit of *continuous improvement for every child, in every classroom, every day*, it is critical that the district focus on areas of growth while capitalizing on its strengths.**

*“The human brain develops more rapidly between birth and age five than during any other time.”*

- DEPC website

## **Presentation to School Board Members**

## **Overview of Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools Early Childhood Education**